Grace Group Guide

United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...
-Scripture: Be in the Word together
-Encouragement: One another each other
-Prayer: With and for each other and the lost
-Accountability: Now What? Put it into action!

-**ICEBREAKER**-

- What does it mean to be filled by the Holy Spirit?

Transition: This is the last week of the sermon series on ***the Holy Spirit.*** Last week, Sam discussed the power of the Holy Spirit and how to recognize it. This week, Pastor Tim spoke on the idea of being ***Filled with the Holy Spirit.*** Looking at Ephesians 5 and Galatians 5, we will understand how one can be in step with the Spirit in order to be continuously filled by the Spirit.

-**DISCUSSION**-

Read Ephesians 5:1-20

- Based on the text, what must Spirit-filled believers NOT practice?
    - Sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed. (v. 3)
    - Obscenity, foolish talk, or any coarse joking. (v. 4)
    - Being unwise or practicing foolishness. (v. 15-17)
    - Immorality and impurity. (vv. 3-7)
- Based on the text, what must a Spirit-filled believer practice?
    - Walk in love (v. 2)
    - Live as children of light. (v. 8)
        - Consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth. (v. 9)
    - Living wisely. (v. 15)
    - Speaking with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. (v. 19)
    - Always giving thanks to God the Father through Jesus. (v. 20)

As a group, try to summarize what this passage/topic teaches us about being filled in the Spirit, in one to two sentences.

Read Galatians 5

- According to this passage what does it mean to be filled and walk by the Holy Spirit?
    - It means to live in freedom! (v. 13)
    - It means to love others. (v. 14)
    - To walk in and have the fruits of the Spirit. (vv. 22-26)

-**REFLECTION**-

- Why is it so important to be filled by the Spirit?
    - *Possible Answer:* We need to consistently walk in accordance with what the Holy Spirit wants for us according to Galatians and Ephesians because it is the only way we will truly live in freedom.
- Are you walking filled by the Holy Spirit? Explain.

-**APPLICATION**-

- According to Ephesians and Galatians, we need to walk in the light by confession. Is there anything you need to confess?
    - ***Note:*** This could be a time to confess to one another or think of someone you can confess to later.
- Who are you praying with? Pray with the person you thought of to confess so that you both can be filled by the Spirit.

- Take time this week to read 2 Timothy.

-**PRAY**-

- Father, thank you for allowing us to understand more about the Holy Spirit through these last couple of weeks. We pray that this would not simply be head knowledge, but that we would allow the Holy Spirit to transform our hearts to be more like Christ.
- Lord, we pray that we would walk in step with the Spirit, so that we could be filled by your Holy Spirit daily. Help us to live in the freedom and light of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ's name, amen!